



Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program

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The Grant Program

Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 established the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program. The primary purpose of the program is to reduce the exposure of young children to lead-based paint hazards in their homes. To accomplish this, the program provides grants of \$1 million to \$4 million to State and local governments to address lead-based paint hazards in privately owned, low-income owner-occupied and rental housing.

Grants are designed to stimulate the development of a trained and certified hazard evaluation and control industry. Inspection and hazard control work under the program must be performed by certified contractors and workers trained through a State-accredited program. As a result, the infrastructure created will last beyond the life of the grant.

Eligibility

Homes selected for assistance under the grant program must have

been constructed before 1978 and have lead-based paint hazards, which may include lead contaminated dust or soil. The housing must be privately owned and occupied by or rented to low-income families.

Eligible Grant Activities

The grant program focuses on making homes safe from lead hazards. Other activities eligible for grant funding include:

- Inspections and risk assessments to identify lead-based paint risks
- Blood testing of children prior to lead hazard control work
- Lead hazard control work (this includes cleaning, interim controls, and hazard abatement)
- Temporary relocation of families during hazard control activities
- Training for workers and supervisors
- Training on lead safe maintenance practices for residents and others working in low-income housing
- Community awareness or education programs on lead hazard control and lead poisoning prevention

Grant Program Activities

Eight rounds of lead hazard control grants have been awarded since 1993. In those rounds, \$552 million was awarded in 177 grants to 112 grantees in 35 states and the District of Columbia. These grants will allow the control of lead-based paint hazards in more than 50,000 homes where young children live.

In early 2001, the ninth round of funding will be announced as part of the HUD SuperNOFA. Additional information will be provided at that time.

Local Involvement

Grants are managed by the State or local government. Grantees frequently team with local community-based organizations to accomplish program activities.

For More Information

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The Office of Lead Hazard Control website has additional information on grant eligibility, activities and grantees (including contacts). The website address is www.hud.gov/lea/leagrant.html